

## California Occupational Projections 2004-2006

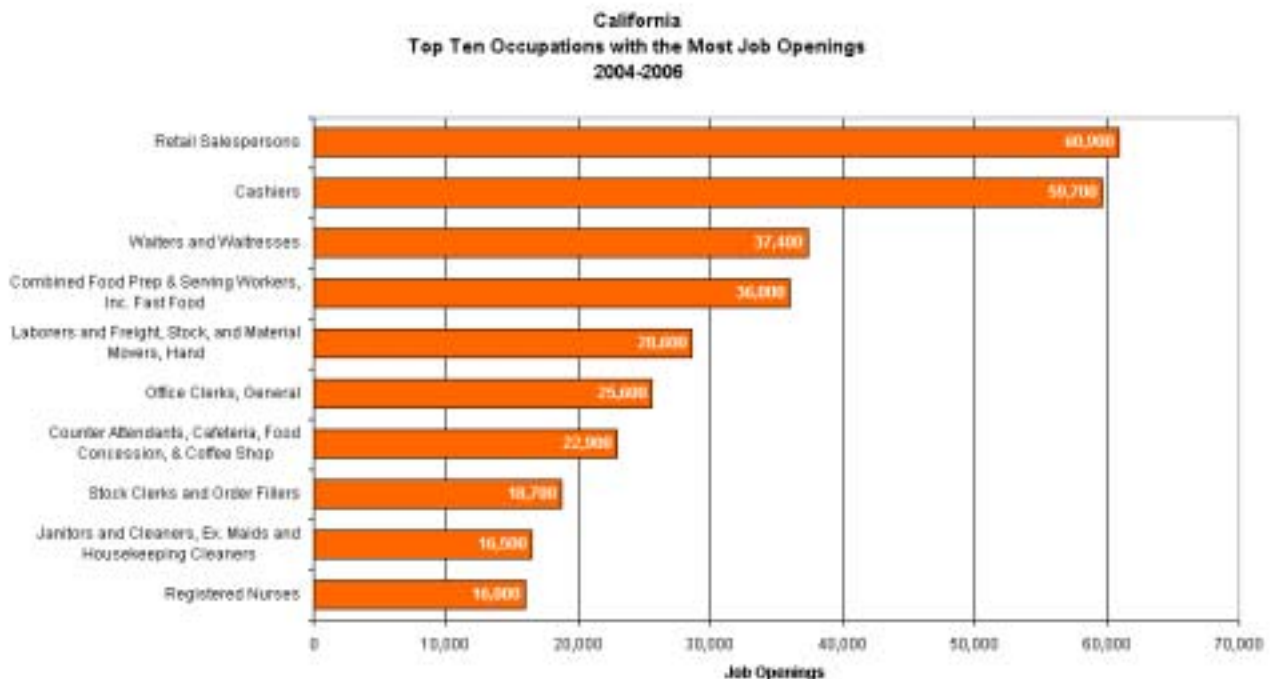
Occupational projections for the period 2004 to 2006 forecast California's employment to reach over 16.6 million. This forecast includes Farm Employment, Self-Employed and Unpaid Family workers. For this period, California is expected to generate:

- Over 475,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- Nearly 800,000 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of almost 1.3 million job openings.

Net Replacements measure the number of workers needed to replace those that have left the labor force or have changed occupations.

The top [50 occupations with the most job openings](#) will generate over half of all job openings in California during the 2004-2006 period. These occupations are expected to:

- Generate over 650,000 total job openings.
- Pay median hourly wages from:
  - Over \$8.00 an hour for Retail Salespersons, Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Cashiers, Janitors and Cleaners requiring short-term on-the-job training to
  - Over \$30.00 an hour for Registered Nurses, Management Analysts, General and Operation Managers, and Computer Engineers requiring an associate degree, bachelor's degree or higher.



The [50 fastest growing occupations](#) are all expected to grow at a rate of 5 percent or more. Of the 50 occupations listed, almost half are in construction-related industries. Examples of pay and training required for these occupations are:

- Over \$18.00 an hour for Drywall Installers, Sheet Metal Workers, and Roofers requiring 1-12 month on-the-job training and
- Over \$20.00 an hour for Electricians and Plumbers requiring 12-month on-the-job training.

Other occupations with rapid growth are in the health and high tech industries. Examples of pay and training required for these occupations are:

- Over \$13.00 an hour for Medical Assistants requiring 1-12 month on-the-job training,
- Over \$25.00 an hour for Respiratory Therapists requiring an associate degree, and
- Over \$30.00 an hour for Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts, Computer Software Engineers, and Database Administrators requiring a bachelor's degree.



The [complete projections of employment by occupation](#) are on-line.

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